GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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OUSTEES OF NARMADA DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated an action plan to ensure proper rehabilitation for the oustees of Narmada Dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of oustees of Narmada Dam rehabilitated so far;

(d) the amount spent so far and estimated amount likely to be spent on their rehabilitation; and

(e) the time by which they are likely to be rehabilitated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Based on comprehensive database, past experiences in Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) in other projectsand liberalised R&R policy, the Government of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra had prepared their individual Action Plans in early 1993which were later revised in 1995. These Plans were integrated by NCA into an integrated Master Plan to present a holistic picture of the R&R programme. This Master Plan inter- alia dealt with socio-economic and cultural milieu of PAFs, the legalframework, R&R policy and procedures, implementation machinery, organisation for R&R, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), empowerment of women and youth, special care for vulnerable groups, appeal mechanisms, consultation with oustees, financial plan for R&R etc. As per 1995 Master Plan the total Project Affected Families (PAFs) had increased from 30144 to 40727.Number of PAFs have furtherincreased to 40827 due to addition of 100 more genuine PAFs in Maharashtra recently. The Master Plan includes villagewise, categorywise PAFs and their preference in R&R to settle in home state or in Gujarat. Incompliance to the decision of Review Committee of NCA in 1996 the R&R Sub-Group ofNCA is reviewing the R&R measures at every 5 m height of the dam and the Action Plan for Resettlement and Rehabilitation for balance families upto a dam height of EL 90.0 m has been finalised for implementation by the States.

(c) A total of 11,569 PAFs have been rehabilitated as on 27.1.2000.

(d) The cost of resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) works associated with SSP was estimated as Rs.870 crores at 1995 price level. A total expenditure of Rs.436.61 crores have been incurred on R&R works upto January, 2000.

(e) The rehabilitation work is being taken up pari-passu with the progress on the raising of the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam, which is subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.